GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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EROSION DUE TO GANGA RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of massive erosion due to Ganga river in West Bengal:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the preventive steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check river erosion and flooding?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The Government of West Bengal has informed about the erosion problem caused by river Ganga in the districts of Malda & Murshidabad. The maximum area eroded was 480 ha. during each of the years 1999 and 2000. Flood Management including river erosion being a state subject, investigation, planning and implementation of flood management schemes are within the purview of the State Government. The Central Government renders assistance which are technical, catalytical and promotional in nature. As informed by the State Government different schemes are undertaken from time to time by them under various programmes to check river erosion and flooding. With a view to assist the State Government, the Government of India had approved a scheme in January, 2001 namely "Critical anti erosion works in Ganga Basin States" during IX Plan. Four schemes in the districts of Malda and Murshidabad have been included in the above scheme against which an amount of Rs. 22.15 crore has so far been released as the Central Assistance. This scheme is also being continued during Xth Five Year Plan.